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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 22 to 27 August 1950

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1. About 30 jet fighters with swept-back wings were repeatedly seen in front of the hangars of the Zerbst (M 52/D 98) airfield between 22 and 27 August 1950. (1) There was little flying during the day although the weather was good. No night flights have been observed since 10 August 1950.
2. The AA gun emplacement on the western edge of the field was no longer there. (2) A radio truck with a mast about 12 meters high, was about 200 meters west of the edge of the field in the extension of the runway. [REDACTED] was repeatedly seen entering and leaving the field. (3) [REDACTED] 25X1B
3. A German who went to the airfield every day said that an old unit of about 480 men and 120 student pilots and a new unit was stationed at the field. He also said that a headquarters to which five twin-engine planes were assigned were quartered in five cantonment buildings and that every two or three weeks crates with 30 to 50 fighters arrived by rail. The fighters were allegedly assembled in the hangars and left for an undetermined destination about two weeks later. The hangars were allegedly always fully occupied by jet fighters. (4)

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) The occupation of the field by jet planes has been confirmed by other sources. 25X1A The total number of jet aircraft has not been determined since the planes were almost always parked in the hangars. [REDACTED]
- (2) The presence of an AA gun emplacement on the western edge of the field was 25X1A previously reported. [REDACTED] No information has been received indicating that the AAA unit was transferred.
- 25X1B (3) [REDACTED] belongs to an army unit. Since no army unit is stationed at Zerbst airfield it is not known why the truck repeatedly went to the field.
- (4) This information is doubted. Only the statement on the presence of two units, probably two fighter units, is thought to be correct. The arrival of a new unit, the presence of a headquarters and the regular arrival of aircraft shipments have not been confirmed [REDACTED] 25X1X

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